

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1841.

Fire at St. John, N. B. The New Market House and forty one large Stores consumed.

Through the attentions of JOHN K. LASKEY, Esq., editor of the N. B. Mechanic and Farmer, we have a copy of the St. Andrews Standard giving a brief account of the fire at St. John as mentioned by us on Saturday as having taken place. The fire commenced between 10 and 11 o'clock on Monday night last, (15th) at the lower end of the South Market Wharf, the wind being fresh from the South West, the fire spread along the whole Wharf crossing Ward Street and taking the greater part of that street on both sides, crossing Water Street to M'Avity & Co's Store, and burning the opposite side to a Cooper's Shop, which was pulled down and prevented the fire spreading in that direction, it continued its progress along the South side of the Market Square, and extending thence round Prince William Street to the Brick Store of Messrs Parks & Hays (which proved an effectual barrier in that quarter).

But to crown the calamities of this awful night, the immense New Market House, which was so recently erected of brick and stone, at an expense to the city of £10,000, ignited on the roof and by the window frames, the whole vast building, above the basement, was utterly destroyed. The bonded Warehouses, however, in the basement, though greatly injured were not destroyed, and much of their valuable contents will be saved.

We are happy to learn that no vessels were burnt, and that only wood boats and small craft were injured. The tide being high they were hauled out.

The total loss is said to be about \$250,000.

Three Printing Offices were destroyed, and four others in such peril, as to cause a removal of materials. The number of three and four story, brick stores, consumed, was eleven, and the number of three story wooden store was thirty-one.

Arrival of the Caladonia--Twelve days later from England--Great Fire at the London Tower--Enormous Fraud in Exchange Bill--O'Connell Elected Lord Mayor of London--Disaffection in the French Army--Insurrection in Spain, &c. &c.

The Steamship Caladonia arrived at Boston, on Thursday afternoon, on 14 days from Liverpool.

England.

The Acadia arrived at Liverpool on the 20th, in 13 days from Boston. She carried out the news of the acquittal of McLeod and the release of Grogan, which was received with great satisfaction.

On the 2d of November, all was bustle in the palace, preparing for the approaching coronation of Her Majesty. Sir Robert Peel's letters were hurried, all ready, to carry the intelligence to town, if any thing should happen, to inform all her majesty's subjects if it should be another Princess or Prince of Wales.

The Lords of the Treasury have authorized the admission of rough rice from the United States at 1d per quarter.

It is stated that the greater part of the six millions of dollars paid by the Chinese for the redemption of Canton turns out to be bad silver.

The Styx Steam Frigate having started for Canada having on board Sir Charles Bagot, returned, having damaged her machinery.

His excellency Sir Charles Bagot will, it is said, re-embark for Canada, on board the illustrious.

The town of Dover had suffered severely from the late gales.

GREAT FIRE. That part of the magnificent Tower of London, called the Grand Storehouse and Small Armory, containing, in addition to an almost innumerable quantity of trophies, and other evidences of British glory, no less a number than 200,000 stand of arms, &c. had been destroyed by fire. The conflagration, which extended in grandeur even the great fire at the House of Commons or the Royal Exchange, caused the greatest consternation throughout the entire metropolis. The fire is supposed to have been caused from the flames of the Arsenal, which ships at the back part of the armory. The jewels of the crown were placed in imminent jeopardy by the catastrophe, and the fire was with great difficulty prevented extending to the Arsenal.

A most extensive fraudulent issue of forged Exchange Bills, to a very large amount, recently discovered, has created a very great sensation in the public mind, and occupied the attention of the moneyed and commercial world. The party impeached is Mr. J. E. Bowman Smith, son of a Clergyman, and nephew of the celebrated Sir Sydney Smith. The guilty party held the responsible office of Chief Clerk in the Comptroller General's office. The amount is supposed to be not less than a quarter of a million. The bills are said to have been legally signed by Lord Montague, but that his Lordship's signature was surreptitiously obtained. It is further said that the signing of these bills was deputed to the Chief Clerk. It was not known whether the Government would pay the amount or whether the loss would fall on the innocent holders. Mr. Smith was in the receipt of a salary of £600 sterling a year.

The humbug of the existence of Hunters, Lodges in the United States with the Hon. Caleb Cushing as the master spirit of the conspiracy, assisted by Gov. Fairfield, of Me., Ex-Governor Mason of Michigan, Hon. John Smith, Ex-M.C. of Vermont, &c., seems to have been seriously believed by many of the British papers. The rank rory presses swallowed it without a qualm, and became particularly ferocious in consequence. War with the United States they seemed to consider inevitable, and some of them were desirous to see the British government had taken any steps in the matter.

Ireland.

Daniel O'Connell, Esq. had been elected Lord Mayor of Dublin. At a late meeting of the Dublin Repeal Association, Mr. O'Connell announced his intention of presenting a petition to the House of Commons, in his robes as lord mayor, in favor of a repeal of the Union.

France.

There appears to exist no longer any doubt of the intention of the French government to dis-

sent to a considerable extent. A general quarrel arose on Sunday, the 24th, among the laborers employed on the fortifications of Paris, in which four of the combatants were wounded, all of whom have since died.

The investigation into the late attack on the lives of the king's sons has led to the discovery of evidence that had either of the princes fallen, an insurrection in Paris and the provinces would have burst forth on an extensive scale. Arrests are every day taking place and documentary and other testimony is said to have fallen into the hands of the police. The garrison of Paris is held ready to act at a moment's notice, although no immediate outbreak is expected.

A spirit of insubordination is rapidly extending itself throughout the French Army. A soldier, of the name of Fromont, the seventh under sentence of death in the prison of the Abbaye for the same offence, has been so condemned for striking his superior officer.

The displeasure of France at being placed, as respects commercial matters, upon an equality with all other nations by the United States, is far from having subsided. La Presse states, that it was at first contemplated by the French government to retaliate upon the United States for their late revenue bill by imposing a tax upon American cotton. It was soon discovered, however, that such a measure would be injurious to France herself by forcing her to buy at a dearer rate an article with which she cannot dispense.

Spain.

The rebellion in Spain had been effectually put down, notwithstanding that its ramifications had proved more extensive than was at first supposed. A decree of amnesty had been issued by the government at Madrid, which embraced all except some of the most prominent rebels therein named, and it was supposed that affairs would go on quite smoothly at least for a time.

Portugal.

A body of Spanish troops (revolted) 250 in number, had sought refuge in Portugal, crossing the northern frontier, as appeared by a telegraphic despatch received from Braganza on the 20th ult. They were to be sent into the interior and disbanded.

Affairs at Lisbon seemed to threaten another crisis. Clubs to support the queen's authority had been formed in the army, in opposition to the revolutionary clubs, and it seemed far from unlikely that a collision would take place.

Turkey.

A most violent shock of an earthquake occurred at Constantinople on the night of the 5th, such indeed as the oldest inhabitant does not remember to have ever witnessed. Much valuable property and several lives were lost.

Besides financial difficulties, the Porte has many other weighty matters that call for its constant attention, such as the state of Tripoli, the attitude of Mehemet Ali, whose actions are at variance with his professions, and the discontent of the naval population.

Very Late from Mexico--Revolution Completed--Bustamante Overthrown--Santa Anna Proclaimed Supreme Dictator--War upon Texas.

The Barque Anahuac arrived at New York from Vera Cruz, brought intelligence five days later than before received.

From the account given in the Mexican papers it appears that the ascendancy of Santa Anna is pretty thoroughly established. He was proclaimed President of the Republic at Vera Cruz on the 10th ult. after some fighting, but the opposition was entirely at an end before the Anahuac sailed, on the 13th. The Revolution may be regarded as virtually completed.

A civil battle had been fought between the forces of Bustamante and those under Santa Anna, on the 3d ult., which resulted in the complete overthrow of the former.

The official "Bulletin" is mainly occupied with orders to the officers in the several departments and reports from them. A manifesto has been issued, giving a plan of government as approved by General Santa Anna, Valencia and Paredes.

It provides that the supreme power shall be vested in a National Assembly to be chosen by the people. The National Assembly, at its first meeting, shall designate the citizen most distinguished by his virtues and heroic services to the Republic to discharge *ad interim* the duties of Chief Magistrate.

Secondly, it shall select twenty-four citizens one from each Department, to act as the Council of the Provisional Executive; said Committee to be replaced by elections in the several departments after the complete establishment of Liberty. All the acts of Gen. Antonio Bustamante are declared void from the moment that, in violation of his duty as President of the Republic, he usurped despotic power.

"The Dictator concludes: 'The People, the Nation all appeal to and conjure the Generals that have this day declared themselves against the tyranny, never to sheathe their sword until the Nation is fully restored to its rights.'

It is said to be the intention of the new dictator to open a war immediately with Texas and Virginia. He was to organize an army to march upon these republics.

Fire in Charlestown, Mass. a Morocco Factory and four dwelling Houses burnt.

A fire broke out on Saturday morning, in the large Morocco Factory, in Franklin Place, Charlestown, owned by Mr. George Emerson, of Malden, and occupied by Mr. Moses B. Sewell of Charlestown.

The Factory itself was entirely consumed, together with the greater portion of the tools and machinery, and a large amount of valuable stock.

Four dwelling houses were entirely consumed. They were occupied by numerous Irish families, who were able to save only a portion of their effects. The buildings were valued at about \$4000, and were partly insured.

Another block of dwelling-houses on Franklin Place, fronting the Factory, were on fire several times, and it was only by great exertions of the firemen that they were saved. As it was, two of the tenements were greatly injured, two others were entirely burnt out.

Fire at Wiscasset.

The Lincoln Republican states that a fire occurred at Wiscasset, which destroyed the store, and most of the goods of John Enkman, where the fire originated. A valuable law library belonging to John H. Sheppard, Esq., and injured a portion of the goods of W. J. Houghton. Men and women turned out in good style, and saved much property that was in peril.

At Santa Anna, it is said, has adopted the motto "veni, vidi, vici." A free translation of which is, "I came, I saw, I was nabbed."

No New York papers by the mail this morning. We should like to know where they got stopped on the way every other day, recently.

[Correspondence of the Whig & Courier.]

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Indian Murders.

Montreal, Nov. 21, 1841.

On Sunday night (17th inst.) between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock, the house of Mr. Geo. Overstreet, distant 10 miles from this place, and on the west bank of the Suwannee river, in Hamilton county, was fired on by a party of Indians, supposed to number about 15. Two of Mr. Overstreet's children were in the house at the time, but escaped unhurt. Dr. Bagley, who was also in the house at the same time, is mortally wounded, having received three balls in the belly. He immediately fled from the house, but from the loss of blood was unable to proceed more than three hundred yards, where he secreted himself until morning. Mr. Overstreet, his lady and two wounded children fled, and made good their escape. After plundering the house they applied the torch, burning it to the ground with the lifeless bodies of Mr. O's two children in it. Mr. O, who was well situated in life, and who had every thing comfortable around him, is now, with his wounded wife and two children thrown upon the world with scarce a change of clothing.

It is not, perhaps, generally known that whilst a steamboat is progressing, water is constantly being forced into the boiler by the engines, but when stationary for any length of time the waste of water must be supplied by means of the hand-pump. This laborious task has hitherto devolved upon the stokers, but Mr. Penn (engineer of Greenwhich) has caused a small engine (of 12 horse power) to be placed on board, and the Father Thames Iron Steamboat, which both at London and at Gravesend, after its grand brothers have performed their duty, relieves the poor stokers from a most tedious exercise.

The great social error of the times consists in being ashamed of economy and of straight forward industry. Nine men of every ten would rather make a thousand dollars by some diabolical or lucky hit, than by honest useful labor. They would even prefer the reputation of having made a fortune by scheming, to that of having earned one by work.

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The Rappahannock was built by Messrs. Clark & Sewall of Bath. She is commanded by Mr. William Drummond, brother of one of our most respected citizens, Capt. Jacob Drummond, with whom he has sailed, and learnt the profession of a sailor and a gentleman.

The masts of the Rappahannock were furnished by the Messrs. Wilson of Brewer, and were

